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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thenuga Vijakumar President

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Dear friends and supporters of CWS,

n behalf of our mediators, the Board, and our community cats, THANK YOU for all the support you have given us in 2018!

Suffice it to say, 2018 was our most challenging and rewarding year yet. Mediation and sterilisation took the forefront in 2018. We were named mediation partner to Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore in April 2018 and our team of three has been mediating an average of 200 cases every month across the island with the 16 town councils and related government agencies including NParks, MND and HDB.

We sterilised 6,000 cats in 2018, approximately 500 a month, and expect that this demand will grow in 2019. This brings the count of number of cats sterilised to over 34,000 since CWS came into existence.

Our greatest obstacle in 2018 was the steep drop in donations without which we could not sustain our mediation and sterilisation efforts. As you would have seen, several fundraisers were run just to carry us across the finish line in the last year.

Our hope for 2019 is that you will continue to support us work toward our vision of a humane society where every cat in Singapore has a place to call home. Be it in the form of volunteering your time at our events, choosing to purchase from our Cat Mama Store or setting up a monthly donation to us, every contribution matters to us as we move into 2019 with the aim of stepping up education initiatives and advocating for greater penalties for unlicensed breeding and pet abandonment.

With gratitude and best wishes,

THENUGA VIJAKUMAR

President

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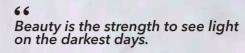
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Meow! I was found in 30 May 2018, malnourished with severe flu, cough and internal infections.

All in all, I am a playful girl full of energy. I like to hang out with other cats and I can be cheeky around them.

Oh! Did I mention that I like to come to you for lots of sayangs (affection), and an absolute purr-er too!" - Kiara, 1 year old, female

Kiara was found malnourished with severe flu, cough and internal infections. With the kind help of donors the Vets from Jireh, she has made a speedy recovery since and requires a family that will be able to look after her condition.

Kiara is wearing a custom dress by Jessica Marie.







I've lived for 15-17 years with an early pelvic fracture in my hey days. However, that's not gonna stop me from having loads of fun such as soccer and fetch!

- Blackie, Male, 15-17 years old

Blackie is an old cat - he's 15 or older. But he's healthy, and engaging. In his younger days he lived with a hawker couple. However, as this couple aged, they were not able to care for their cats, and Blackie landed in a shelter. He is however as agile as ever, just like a young boy.

Blackie is wearing a customised PawGlam! Collar.

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I just want your chin rubs 24/7. And if you don't give me, I will come sit right next to your hand.

- Mia "Little Miss Demanding", Female, 2 years old

Mia was found by accident - while Jillian and her group was making rounds to feed Mia's mother, she found Mia and two kittens which came out to play with them. Mia had a fresh wound on one of her legs and that was how the rescue began.

Mia is wearing a custom-made collar by PawGlam!



My name is pronounced as Aye (Eye) and my fosterer calls me the one-eyed pirate, but please don't be intimidated by me. I am a trusting and loving boy who will come to you for a headbutt.

- Aye, Male, 2 years old

Being a trusting and gentle boy, Aye is far from street-smart. After being ousted by his human family, he roamed the streets for food every day. One day, he was mauled by a dog bigger than himself and landed at the vet because he was found with a bloody, protruded eyeball.

Aye is wearing a customised Military Glam! Collar by PawGlam!



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Hello humans, I am Grey and my fosterer says that I am very sociable and highly affectionate cat. I demand head sayangs on the regular.

- Grey, Female, 6-7 years old

Grey is one of the 19 Caldecatts who lived on Caldecott Hill premises. Caretakers have been taking care of them since birth and when the feeders needed to relocate, they decided to rehome the cats without leaving any behind. Out of the 19 cats, 14 have been rehomed, one ran away and we have four cats remaining. Grey is one of the four.

Grey is wearing a customised PawGlam! Collar.



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As my name suggests, I am a ginger cat that loves to snuggle with my human. My fosterer describes me as a gentle cat which loves human attention.

- Snuggly, Male, 3.5 years old

Snuggly was rescued with his 2 other siblings when he was just a 2 months old kitten - without a mom. His siblings got adopted and he is still looking for his forever home. Affectionate and loves human attention, Snuggly is talkative and cuddly.

Snuggly is wearing Huna, A TribalGlam! Collar by PawGlam! Collection.

I have an amputated tail, but that's not going to stop me from having fun with my carer and my kitty friends. Favourite hobby? I love to cuddle and purr non-stop!

- Beetroot, Female, 1 year old

Beetroot was found abandoned with an injured tail, and eventually had to have it amputated. The vet assured that this would not affect her mobility in any way. As a result, her happy and care-free personality has allowed Beetroot to adjust well at her fosterer's place.

Beetroot is wearing a custom-made collar by PawGlam!

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I may not be able to walk on all fours again, nor jump like any ordinary cat. But I will never give up on life. I am still looking for the perfect home.

- Sweetpea, Female, 2-3 years old

Sweetpea's injuries are unknown - it is speculated that they might be the result of a vehicular accident or something more sinister in nature. When rescuers came, her injuries were bad enough that it removed her ability to walk and run like a cat. It took her 4 months to recover, but that has not dampened her personality - as her namesake shows.

Sweetpea is wearing Claudia - A LuxuryGlam! collar by PawGlam! Collection.

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I was abandoned when I was just a kitten in a HDB estate. However, that has never stopped me from wanting attention from you!

- Bibi, Female, 3 years old

Bibi is a highly affectionate lap cat that enjoys human attention.

Bibi is wearing a customised PawGlam! Collar

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CAT STERILIZATION

I f you have recently added a kitten to the family, you may be wondering when to get it neutered. Equally, if you have just got a new cat - particularly in the case of some rescues - you may also be looking into neutering.

Cats historically were neutered at roughly 5 or 6 months of age (around the time they reached sexual maturity), although earlier neutering from the age of 4 months is now recommended by many vets.

There are multiple health benefits to having your cat neutered - your vet will likely bring this up in your initial appointment with your kitten.

In some situations, you may find yourself owning an older cat that has not been neutered or spayed. If you do want to have an older cat neutered, this should not be a problem. Cats can be neutered at a later age if they missed out on the procedure during adolescence. Again, speak to your vet and they should be able to help.

Routine sterilization, usually referred to as neutering, is widely recommended for pet cats for several reasons. Left to their own devices, cats are surprisingly efficient at reproducing but with rescue centres full of unwanted cats and kittens, neutering for population control is important.



Bodhi aka Ah Mew, a popular community cat.

THE BENEFITS OF CAT STERILIZATION

Sterilization has several benefits for your cat's health

- Spaying your cat before her first oestrous cycle (going into "heat") greatly reduces her risk of cervical cancer and eliminates her risk for ovarian cancer. Because removing the ovaries reduces the levels of hormones that encourage the growth of cancerous tumours, spaying reduces your cat's risk of mammary cancer as well.
- There are also other diseases resulting from natural cat behaviour when they mate. Feline leukaemia and feline AIDS are two diseases spread through the bites of infected cats to other cats. By reducing your cat's urge to fight over mates and territory, you will also reduce her chances of contracting these incurable diseases from other cats.
- Neutering a male cat also reduces the risk of them suffering reproductive-related conditions, especially in the testicles. This lowers the risk of cancer, prostatitis, perianal hernias, prostate hyperplasia and adenomas.
- Unneutered male cats are driven by hormones to seek mates and defend their territory against intruders. So, two or more unneutered male cats in the same household can spell trouble. Fights tend to break out, especially if there is a female cat in heat nearby. By neutering your cats, you will reduce their aggressive instincts.

- When a female cat goes into heat, both her hormones and instincts are urging her to find a mate. And if she is your only cat, she will try to escape every time you open the door so that she can find one. Remember that males are also driven by hormones and the mating instinct and will try their best to escape for the same reason. Both males and females are at risk outdoors of being injured as they find ways to mate. By neutering your cat, you will reduce this wanderlust and find they are happy to stay put in the safe, comfy spot next to you on the couch.
- Male cats spray their urine on vertical surfaces to mark their territory. And while the pungent odor of an unneutered cat's urine alerts other males that there is another guy nearby who has claimed the area as his turf, it tells females he is waiting for his opportunity to mate with her. An unneutered male cat in your house can be a messy business. Neutering a cat reduces or eliminates the urge to spray and if they do, the scent should be much milder.
- Female cats also pass bodily fluids when they go into heat. These fluids also contain scents to alert males that a fertile female is nearby. By spaying your female cat, you will eliminate the same problem.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN STERILIZATION

The surgical neutering procedure is normally done in a veterinary clinic under general anaesthesia. Your vet will explain it to you and give you specific instructions for preand post-operative care. Food and water are normally withheld from the cat the night before surgery.

During surgery, your cat will be given an anaesthetic, so they will not feel or be aware of what is happening. For male cats, a small incision is made on the testicles, and the testicles are removed. The incision is closed with either dissolvable sutures or surgical glue. Male cats can usually come home with you the same night unless there are complications or special concerns. If so, your vet will tell you if you can pick your male cat up the same day.

Female cats have a larger incision to remove the ovaries and/or the uterus. Because this is a larger incision in the abdominal cavity, she is usually kept overnight for observation. Your cat can usually go home the next day.

After sterilization, the cat is normally fitted with a collar to keep him/her from scratching, biting or licking at the surgical site while it is healing. Most cats do not need special medication or after care.





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Sterilising your pet avoids unwanted litters.

All in all, having your cat sterilized is a positive and responsible step but it is important for you to be aware that it will result in some changes in your cat, so it is important you take steps to adjust diet and activity to keep your neutered cat in a healthy, lean body condition, contributing to their long-term health.

FEEDING CATS POST STERILIZATION

Some cats gain weight more rapidly after neutering, so it is important to make sure the cat is kept active and fed right.

After sterilization, energy requirements of cats decrease. ROYAL CANIN FELINE STERILISED helps limit the risk of excess weight gain thanks to a moderate level of fat and adequate daily rations. As sterilized cats will also have an increased risk of developing urinary stones, STERILISED helps support a healthy urinary system by providing an adequate mineral balance and helps maintain muscle mass with a high protein content.

STERILISED is also enriched with L-carnitine which involves in fat metabolism in sterilized cats.





HOW CAN YOU HELP

Residents should stop feeding community cats at their doorstep and educate their fellow neighbours on correct and responsible feeding practices.

IRRESPONSIBLE FEEDING

Community cats have been a part of the Singaporean landscape for as long as anyone can remember and we love the fact that they add colour and character to our neighbourhoods!

We have also grown accustom to seeing "aunties" and sometimes "uncles" feeding them around various estates. The cats always seem to know just when these warmhearted humans are going to come by and greet them enthusiastically when they do.

But what happens if this feeding of community cats takes place right at someone's door step or along shared corridors? After all, what's the harm of leaving some kibbles and water outside a HDB unit, right? A fair bit actually...

Community cats should only be fed in areas that are away from people so that the cats are comfortable and feel safe enough to eat during meal times.

Feeders must also clear the area of any food, papers, plates, etc. from the area within two hours of feeding. This

is the rule as set out by the National Environment Agency to inculcate responsible feeding.

So the next time you see anyone feeding cats directly outside of their homes, or if you yourself are guilty of this, just remember that you are not doing the cat any favours with your actions.

For instance, what will happen when you decide it's finally time to move house? The poor animal you have religiously feeding is now left in the lurch, confused and at risk of being removed and even culled because of your actions.

Cat Welfare Society (CWS) mediates 2,400 cases a year and at least 60 % of these cases involve feeding of cats along a common corridor.

CWS mediators educate residents to stop doorstep feeding and work with responsible feeders to integrate the cat to the ground floor with correct feeding practices.

Without our intervention, these cats are at risk of removal to be culled.







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MY GIRLFRIEND'S CAT HATES ME! Dear Sassy Sadie,

I am a human male of 34 years and have recently moved in with my girlfriend. Things are going well and we have never been happier, but there is just one small problem a small furry problem.

Rodrigo, my girlfriend's rescue cat with gorgeous markings but which seems to harbor nothing but ill feelings toward me, is a constant source of discontent between my girlfriend and I.

Often I will find him staring at me for hours on end, something which I find deeply unnerving. Sometimes I will even wake up in the night to find Rodrigo standing on my chest, staring down at me, judging me...

My girlfriend thinks I am just being silly and need to get over myself but the cat seems to really dislike me. I've never had this problem before with any of my previous girlfriends, but then again, they all had dogs. Maybe dogs are just better pets?

Anyway, do you have any advice on how I can to get Rodrigo to warm up to me?

Regards, Sam

Dear Sam,

Firstly, let me congratulate you on securing a girlfriend with such magnificent taste... in pets. Her taste in partner on the other hand leaves a lot to be desired.

Secondly, Rodrigo is not simply a pet. He is a member of your girlfriend's family and the home you share with her is Rodrigo's home too - a fact which is easily forgotten in the heat of blossoming romance.

Perhaps Rodrigo just needs time to adjust to the new arrangement, or more likely, you need to be more accommodating to his needs. Another thing to remember is that you are not just vying for the love and approval of your girlfriend anymore, you're vying for the love and approval of her feline - a far trickier prospect.

I suggest you tread a lot more carefully around your new home and show your new housemate more courtesy - for one thing, it was his home long before yours, and secondly, he certainly knows where you sleep!

Good luck and best wishes, Sassy Sadie



PATIENTLY WAITING

Dear Sassy Sadie,

My human is always late coming home from somewhere called "work", leaving me to my own devices for hours on end. What are some ways to show my human that I want her to come back as early as possible to spend time with me?

Yours in boredom, Snowy

Dear Snowy,

I apologize on behalf of your human for her thoughtlessness.

But just as we cats have important things to do during the day such as stare at the wall, meow at birds on the television, clean ourselves, nap on the bed, nap on the couch, nap on the floor, nap in the laundry basket, stand at the door to be let out then immediately howl to be let back in etc... so do our humans.

I am not entirely sure what it is that humans do all day at the place called "work", but I think it must involve a lot of physical activity because my human is always very thirsty when she returns home, often having three or four glasses of wine.

Perhaps you could prepare something similar in advance of your human coming home? She may endeavour to leave work a little earlier knowing that her loving feline and two bottles of red wine are waiting for her at home!

Cheers, Sassy Sadie

THREE'S A CROWD

Dear Sassy Sadie,

My human has a new human and I don't like it. "It" being both the situation and the new, much hairier human I have to share my home with. He also takes up way too much space on my bed and my human is far too preoccupied with him to give me my deserved attention and ear scratches.

Do you have any suggestions for how I can make my feelings known to my human or possibly some advice on how to get rid of this unwanted pest?

Best, Rodrigo

Dear Rodrigo,

This is a common problem for many of us felines; suddenly we are not the centre of human's attention anymore and we have to put up with some stranger sleeping in our beds, sitting in our favourite spot on the couch and just generally being a nuisance.

But if we don't open our hearts and homes to those less fortunate, then who will? As an ex-stray, I know the struggles of life outside - it's cold, dangerous and the meals few and far between. A loving home is truly a gift and we shouldn't deny anyone or anything of that.

That said, you need to be firm and lay down the law. This newcomer is just that - a newbie. He can't just come in and throw his weight around and take over. You need to remind him that you're the top cat! If he's sitting in your spot, you sit on him. If he's sleeping where you usually sleep, you sleep on top of him. If he brings home a pizza, well you just make sure you lick it before he gets to enjoy it.

Remember, he's the one who cleans your litter box, not the other way around!

Yours in feline fellowship, Sassy Sadie



This is a story that I have never shared with anyone before.

It's the story about how I joined the heroic struggle of saving fellow cats in Singapore.

I was a scrawny little cat, maybe one or two years old or maybe even five - who knows? Jaded and tired, I lost count of the number of months and years I spent living on the streets.



Here's a picture of me when I was young. Aren't I handsome?

I never really had a family. My mom, from what I remember of her, was the prettiest Calico in the whole world, but she disappeared when I was only four months old. I still don't know where she is now, but I do still think of her.

My last memory of her is walking away and telling me that she would be right back, that she was going to go to the "other side" - you know, across what I know now as "the road". But she never did come back. I waited and waited but she never came home. So I was forced to look for food on my own and defend myself against the other cats in the area.

I was a fast learner, however. I quickly learned what skills I needed to survive in the inhospitable environment known as the streets. My closest companions were the battle scars that I had won out there, and they also proved my worth to those other cats unfortunate enough to be living out in that vast, harsh world too.

One fateful night a few years ago, I was sashaying up an alleyway, looking to vent some of anger that never seemed to go away. I wanted a good catfight and my target was to be the annoying old geezer across the road. But just as I rounded the corner near where the geezer lived, a flash of light blinded me...

Next thing I knew, I was waking up in a completely unfamiliar place, surrounded by humans who cooed and poked at me. There were other cats there, too. Weakling cats that called for these humans. There was also the unmistakable scent of those disgusting barking creatures. I struggled to rise but found a string attached to my arm, keeping me in place. There was also pain like I had never experienced before... Had I been hit by that old geezer? I don't know. I guess I will never know what really happened to me.

All that I knew then was that I had to get out of the cage in which I was locked. I fought for a moment but suddenly instinct told me to stay. Faith told me trust.

There was a nice human girl that gave me the tastiest food I had ever had. She also spoke some cat and told me (I think) that I should not worry and that I was safe.

I remember thinking: "Is this love?" The human girl reminded me of my mother. She stroked my head and rubbed my chin just like my momma used to. I truly felt loved then.

Hope told me that there was more to this world than simply surviving. So I decided to help others who were just like me. I would show the world that the other cats living on the street deserve the same kind of love and care that I had found -

something along the lines of an exclusive 24/7 butler service from human slaves, never-ending supply of tuna, a warm and dry home and so much more.

Now you might think that now I am no longer a street cat that I have gotten soft. But you would be mistaken. I will concede that my tastes have become a little more refined as I have aged, for instance I've developed a love for parsnips - roasted with honey, please and thanks - but I won't forget where I came from.

For you see, I may be an elegant puss that commands humans by day, but I am also a masked hero that guides lost feline souls by night.





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